

Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, of record in the present application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Amended) A safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 17 wherein said accessory comprises a winch assembly having a winch; a static line operatively connected to the winch; and a mounting attachment for attaching said winch accessory to said releasable mounting device.
4. (Original) A safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said winch comprises a locking mechanism so that the static line can be drawn tight using said winch, and maintained in a tightened condition.
5. (Original) A safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said locking mechanism is a ratchet assembly.
6. (Previously Amended) A safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 17 wherein said accessory comprises 2 or 3 winch assemblies.
7. (Previously Amended) A safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 17 comprising two releasable mounting devices for receiving and attaching at least one of a variety of accessories to said base rod.
8. (Previously Amended) A safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 17 wherein said accessory is a winch assembly, a ladder, a light, a sign, a radio, a handrail, a platform, or a suspended platform.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An accessory for use with any one of a series of [a] safety restraint [device] devices as claimed in Claim 17 comprising a winch assembly, a ladder, a light, a sign, a radio, a handrail, a platform, or a suspended platform.

13. (Original) An accessory as claimed in Claim 12 comprising a winch assembly having a winch, a static line operatively connected to said winch, and having a mounting attachment for attaching said accessory to said safety restraint device.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 18 wherein said base rods are attached to said vertical frame members before installation of said vertical frame members into a vertical position.

16. Cancelled

17. (Currently Amended) A safety restraint device for use in combination with a series of similar safety restraint devices, wherein each safety restraint device comprises [comprising]:

a base rod having a fixed C-shaped or V-shaped attachment bracket attached to said base rod, a threaded locking rod which is essentially parallel to said base rod, and which is operatively connected to a moveable C-shaped or V-shaped attachment bracket, and a crank connected to one end of said locking rod, so that turning of the crank results in relative movement of said moveable attachment bracket towards, or away from, said fixed attachment bracket, and thereby

grasp or release an I-beam frame member within said C-shaped or V-shaped attachment brackets and thus, temporarily affix said base rod to a frame member;

at least one opening in said base rod acting as a first mounting device, for receiving and releaseably attaching at least one of a variety of accessories to said base rod, wherein said accessories are removable, interchangeable devices which can be added or removed from said first mounting device, and which accessory is attached to said first mounting device using a lock pin;

at least one attachment clip attached to said base rod to which a rope or cable can be connected; and

a plurality of accessories each having a second mounting device adapted to be inserted into said opening of said first mounting attachment device, wherein said accessories are removable, interchangeable devices which can be added or removed from the first mounting device.

18. (Previously Submitted) A process for establishing a static line for a safety restraint system in a framing situation comprising:

separately attaching a first safety restraint device as claimed in Claim 17 to a first vertical frame member, and attaching a second safety restraint device to a second vertical frame member by temporarily affixing said base rods of each safety restraint devices to said vertical frame members by cranking said crank and thus attaching said safety restraint devices to said frame members by using said C-shaped or V-shaped attachment brackets;

mounting a winch assembly having a mounting attachment for attaching said winch assembly to said first safety restraint device accessory, a winch, a winch locking device, and a static line operatively connected to said winch, to said opening of said first mounting attachment of said first safety restraint device,

extending said static line from said winch assembly, and connecting said static line to the attachment clip on said second safety restraint device,

turning said winch to tighten said static line; and

locking said static line in said tighten state, using said winch locking device, and thereby establish a static line between said safety restraint devices.